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NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

PRELIMINARY SITUATION REPORT NO 28

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Two BRASS KNOB missions, [REDACTED]
Preliminary analysis of the aerial photography from these missions reveals the following items of interest:

1. SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD

Thirteen BEAGLE/MASCOT as follows -- 2 complete, one without an engine, one without a tail assembly, three without engines and tail assemblies and six fuselages. Twenty fuselage crates are along the taxiway and apron. Facilities appear unchanged since [REDACTED]

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Four BEAGLE/MASCOT were reported complete on [REDACTED]

2. HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

Coverage of this airfield was limited by oblique photography, haze, clouds and cloud shadow. Four FAGOT/FRESCO and one liaison aircraft were seen. No BEAGLE crates were observed. Facilities appear unchanged since [REDACTED]

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3. CAIBARIEN PORT

No large vessels present in visible areas but numerous small craft and barges observed. No military activity noted on access roads.

4. CARDENAS PORT

One large vessel seen. Obliquity and adverse weather conditions limited interpretation.

5. CASILDA PORT

No military equipment or cargo vessels were observed at the port and no unusual activity was noted on access routes.

6. CIENFUEGOS PORT

One freighter, one other large vessel, 4 coastal freighters, 2 PT boats, 2 possible coast guard cutters and numerous small craft observed. No military equipment seen.

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7. HAVANA PORT

Heavy clouds limited interpretation of the port area. Vessels observed include 9 freighters, 2 passenger ships, 2 coastal freighters, one patrol frigate, 2 patrol craft, and 7 small naval craft. Numerous other small craft, including barges and motor launchers, are scattered throughout the harbor area. No large concentrations of vehicles or equipment observed.

8. LA ISABELA PORT

Interpretation was not possible because of oblique photography and adverse weather conditions.

9. MARIEL NAVAL PORT

Two freighters were at Mariel City Pier. In the bay were 4 Komar-class PGMG, and one patrol craft. One coastal freighter was entering the bay near La Boca.

Equipment observed at Mariel City Pier included 4 probable IRBM propellant trailers, about 25 oxidizer trailers and numerous other vehicles. Extensive open storage was noted. No missile erectors could be discerned.

Heavy clouds limited interpretation in the entire port. La Boca pier was obscured by clouds.

10. MATANZAS PORT

No vessels or military equipment observed. Eleven crates, each 25-30 feet long, and 11 groups of unidentified objects were visible on Dubrocq wharf. Haze and scattered clouds limited interpretation.

11. SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT

Three large vessels were observed on oblique photography of this port. Further interpretation was not possible.

12. CASILDA, MISSILE EQUIPMENT AREA

Twenty-four possible oxidizer trailers and about 15 trucks were seen. Also present were the one large and 8 small tents. Six unoccupied artillery positions are just west of the area.

13. LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE

The new revetted position, first reported [REDACTED] remains unoccupied. The adjacent launch position has earth mounding, resembling a

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revetment, which was not present on [REDACTED] No launchers were observed.

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One possible missile transporter is parked under trees north of the launch positions. The electronics revetment is unoccupied. At least 3 shipping crates are in the area.

14. MAYARI ARriba, MILITARY INSTALLATION

Two rows of canvas-covered objects, 16 large crates or vehicles and about 40 vehicles are in the area.

15. HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Thirty-two tanks were visible and guidance radar was noted near the 6-gun AAA position. Interpretation was limited by clouds, cloud shadow and oblique photography.

16. REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Vehicle and equipment count remains the same as on [REDACTED] Three barracks now appear complete and work continues on the remaining nine.

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17. SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP

Clouds obscured this camp on both missions.

18. ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP

Three completed barracks, 17 large and six small or medium-sized tents were visible.

19. LAS VILLAS AREA OF SPECIAL INTEREST

No significant change was noted in this area since [REDACTED] Interpretation was limited by clouds and oblique photography.

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STATUS OF MISSION READOUT

PI readout of Missions [REDACTED] is complete. Immediate photographic interpretation reports (IPIRs) on these missions are being published as NPIC/R-1118/62 and NPIC/R-1119/62.

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